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Prior to initial evaluation, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 4, 5 and 8 as follows. A marked-up copy of the claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, whereby electric image signals of the two images ( $B_{1e}$ ,  $B_{2e}$ ) are compared with one another, whereby sensor elements are identified as impurity-containing (Z), and whereby output signals provide a comparison result in the comparison-result image ( $\Delta$ ) indicating a match in at least a predetermined measure.